

SENATOR BROMM: ...by electronic means to save cost, to save mileage, to save time. And the road that we take us down this path is one that we will have to probably live with for a long time. Now the amendment that's on Journal page 1377 is probably not the final product we're going to come up with on this body. That amendment contains a proposed task force to look at the policy and come back with proposed legislation next session. It contains a sunset of contracts like this that were entered into of July of '97. It provides some oversight in the meantime by the Executive Board. We've been working to refine that amendment, and I've been working with Senator Hillman and we're having a revised version of that amendment prepared and when it's here we'll distribute...

SENATOR COORDSEN: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: ...it for consideration. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I rise to do a couple of things. First of all is to specifically state I oppose the Brown...Bromm amendment that he's passed...I'm sorry, Senator Brown, I was on your amendment the other day. The Bromm amendment that's currently before the body for a couple of reasons and I'll go into that. But first of all, I want to try to set the stage for what this debate can and should be all about. There is a variety of public information out here in all sorts of forms, some that this Legislature requires to be kept, others that is just kept because of the nature of the business. There's other information that's out there that just because of the nature that we need to operate. For example, the Department of Roads has a contract with one of the major on-line services. And so instead of having someone down at the Department of Roads who sets and photocopies and says here's our set of bids, here's our plans, here's our list of approved products, here's our list of approved contractors; and they keep photocopying and handing that out. It's put on once electronically for anybody in the world to see and bid and they bid electronically. That's a very useful thing. It goes to the process of privatization of information that we have where we're letting someone else do the distribution. We do the collection, we put the information on,